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When the Red Red Robin Comes Bob Bob Bobbin Along

There'll be no more sobbin when she starts throbin that old sweet song.

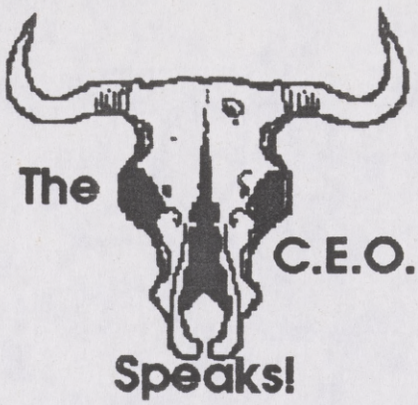
It is with sadness that we report that Karl Murray, our Basic / Mainstream Instructor, will have to take a leave of absence from his Capital City Squares duties this next year. He is taking advantage of a marvelous career opportunity in Washington D.C. for the next few years. We wish Karl the best in his new endeavors and will be waiting anxiously for his return to Sacramento.

But at the same time we are very pleased and proud to announce that Robin Alpenglow, Karl's often last minute replacement, has graciously agreed to step in and fill Karl's boots for the immediate future. We at Capital City Squares are lucky to have someone like Robin to teach next year's new class. Her experience is vast and varied, and she has already started to plan her lessons for the fall.

Robin began square dancing with the Western Star Dancers in San Francisco in the fall of 1985. In 1986 she was co–archangel for Western Star Dancers and got very involved in an intensive caller class held by Bill Hanzel, one of the first callers to call for gay clubs. In 1987 she was a participant in the Caller Workshops conducted by the late Bob Belville. She expresses much appreciation for the instruction and encouragement that Bill and Bob have given her.

How did Robin get to Sacramento? The story is almost toooo romantic! In the fall of 1986 she attended a new members dance in Sacramento put on by Capital City Squares. At that dance she met a new dancer named Fay Knowles. A relationship blossomed and Robin soon moved to Sacramento to be with Fay. For the past three years Robin has been a pinch hitter for Karl when he was called away on state education business, very often at the very last moment! Robin has also filled in for Kris at the Plus class.

After she accepted this opportunity to take over the instruction of next year's Basic / Mainstream class, Robin's first words to the Board were "Be patient with the new caller." The Board feels that Robin's enthusiasm and great love for square dancing, along with her experience and preparedness, will serve her and Capital City Squares very well. We salute her and promise her all the support she needs to have a successful and worthwhile teaching experience! We are all getting ready to have one of the best new classes ever!



Summertime! And the livin' is sleazy. (We try; we do try!)

Reduced schedule does not have to mean reduced enthusiasm. We are havin' fun this summer. Lots o' dancin' going on. You will notice, however, as listed elsewhere in this "volume," that we've shifted locations — back downtown, at St. Francis Church (across from the "historic Sutter's Fort") and the time has shifted 1/2 hour to 7:30 p.m., as well as the dates — 2nd and 4th Tuesdays instead of 1st and 3rd! (Cheesh, anything else?!)

We're gearing up for the coming year as well — starting with passing out lotsa fliers at the Freedom Faire (with an immediate return of seventy some "interested persons" GREAT!) Do keep in mind the New Member Hoedown August 25th at Coloma Center! Bring friends and neighbors and all those et ceteras (those are very necessary!). It'll be Fun! (Also, I'll put the word out now: Bring Munchies — the club'll supply soft drinks and coffee, but we do need "Finger Foods.") More to come.

August 18th — San Francisco: A Hoedown to Benefit AIDS Organizations. This is going to be quite a bash — a chance to renew Convention acquaintances, make new friends, have Fun, and support a worthy cause (without a boy/girl scout in sight!). Let's really make a supreme effort to get over there and support this. It's at the St. Paulus Church — Gough and Eddy Streets. More info elsewhere in this issue.

Summer Parties (whee-e-e-e!): July 21st, August 11th, and September 15th. Maps in the newsletters! These ARE swimming party potlucks, so bring a swimsuit (let's see some skimpy ones, kids!) and a dish (so you can splash and, well, dish). There will, of course, be dancing. Be There! (Darn! I'll miss the first one, but I'm FINALLY getting to Hawaii that week — I hadda include that, I just HADDA!)

Next year — we are going through revamping (you vamps are thrilled — I can tell) as to schedules at the school — the school system is going year round starting this August and evidently the school's schedule is a deep dark secret known only to the principal. Our start date is unchanged, but the breaks will be altered ... to be continued.

Anyway, I'm determined to keep this brief. Anything I missed, I apologize. Have a great Summer!

See ya dancin'

— George

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July Board Minutes

June 28, 1990

The meeting was hosted by Kris and Cindy. Others in attendance were Bill, George, Rick, Rich, David, and Robin. The meeting started at 6:37 p.m. with a brief discussion of George and his violets.

David shared his photographs from the Freedom Faire. The pictures were great! Equally terrific was the pamphlet that Bill put together about the club that was distributed at the booth.

Bill also brought along his latest efforts. He has organized two big binders: one is for the IGGY information and the other is a file of previous newsletters. Nice job!

The board has agreed that Robin will be the new dancers class instructor. We would like to ask Harlan if he would be interested in doing a monthly review. Del and Kris will still do the Plus class instructing.

As for the Wednesday Fun Nights, the board wants to begin those after Christmas, especially if it remains an event supported by the new dancers. We will survey the MS / Plus dancers to see if they would like to use it as a time to review mainstream. If so, then these sessions could start earlier than Christmas.

George had a flyer about a Benefit Dance for local AIDS charities. It will be held in S.F. on August 18th. Bill stated that they would like to have pictures / names of club members who were victims.

After a quick review of the summer potluck schedule (check the club calendars), the board agreed that we need to make the effort to have one monthly. We agreed to renting a hall or school in order to do so if the membership remains high.

We then returned to the topic of the new dancers. Robin is looking forward to doing the instructing. She is concerned about using Joseph's on the nights that the school is not available. The board would love to find an alternative. (If you know of a possibility, talk to George and see what you can do to help check it out!)

Kris brought up the subject of having a class for "angels." She and Robin will try to develop some guidelines for angels. There is a need for guidelines because "fun and discipline" make for good square dancing and angeling. The club will purchase angel badges that will have to be earned by being a good angel.

The board agreed that Robin should be able to buy any manual she might need to instruct. George will turn over the records to her so she can start her lesson plans.

George got a message from the convention people: they lost the raffle tickets for "Cast a Shadow in the Sun." If you had tickets, there is a telephone number available. See George.

George finally got some information about incorporation. He shared it with the board. Freeman Stamper suggests we hire a lawyer who is familiar with procedure. It is a complicated process! Kris will see if she can get some information about going through the local county square dance association.

Rick gave a brief treasurer's report. There is $704.00 in the CCS treasury. He believes we broke even at the last hoedown. He forgot the books, so there was no dollar figure to report.

Going back to the topic of the Freedom Faire, Bill reported that 72 people left their names (46 men ? 26 women). Angie tried to recruit 3 terriers. The club will send out follow-up cards to these people in early August and then phone them a week or so later.

It was agreed to run ads in "MGW" and the "Latest Issue" about our New Beginners Hoedown on August 25th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next meeting will be hosted by Bill, Michael, and Angie on August 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

— Cindy

substituting for the Florida Vacation girl, Mary Jo

Coming Events

July

4 — 4th of July Angel Island Picnic, Western Star Dancers, San Francisco
4 — Load the Boat II, Times Squares, New York
6–8 — Ride the Tide, South Florida Mustangs, Miaaami
14 — MS/Plus Dance (Roger Loney), Western Star Dancers, San Francisco
20–22 — Zoom to the Rockies, Rocky Mountain Rainbeaus, Denver
21 — Potluck/Dance/Pool Party, Rich and Rick's, Folsom

August

4–11 — Celebration 90, Gay Games III, Vancouver, B.C.
12 — Potluck/Dance/Pool Party, Bill and Michael's, Citrus Heights
17–19 — Geo–Duck Jamboree VII (Norm Poisson, Harlan Kerr, Anne Uebelacker), Puddletown Dancers, Seattle
18 — Benefit Dance for PWA, San Francisco IAGSDC Clubs, San Francisco
25 — New Member Hoedown, Capital City Squares, Coloma Center, Sacramento

September

2 — Rainbow Festival, Sacramento
7–9 — Chicago Crossfire 2, Chi–Town Squares, Chicago
15 — Potluck/Dance, Rory and Kenric's, Auburn
15 — Anniversary Dance, El Camino Reelers, San Jose
21–23 — Leather Weekend, San Francisco
28–30 — Camp Cazadero Retreat, Western Star Dancers, the end of a long road above the Russian River

October

6–7 — Weekend of Advance & Challenge (Saundra Bryant, Anne Uebelacker, Don Wood, and Harlan Kerr), BOQ, Seattle
12–14 — Balloon Fiesta Fly–in, The Wilde Bunch, Albuquerque
12 — Take No Prisoners Plus Dance, Western Star Dancers, San Francisco
13 — MS/Plus Dance (Steve Edlund), Western Star Dancers, San Francisco
30 — WSD Halloween Dance, San Francisco

November

23–25 — 7th Anniversary Fly–in, Stars Across the Border, Vancouver, B.C.

December

7 — WSD Christmas Dance (Paul Waters), San Francisco
8 — Workshops/Potluck/Hoedown (Joe Kula), Capital City Squares, Sacramento
15–30 — No square dancing in Sacramento, Bill and Michael in Hawaii

January, 1991

18–20 — Swing Thru Arizona, Desert Valley Squares, Phoenix

February

2 — Workshops/Potluck/Hoedown (Jett Roberts), Capital City Squares, Sacramento

March

16 — WSD 9th Anniversary Dance (Paul Infanti), San Francisco

April

19–21 — Russian River Retreat, Capital City Squares, Fife's, Guerneville

June

8 — Graduation Workshops/Potluck/Hoedown, Capital City Squares, Sacramento
14–16 — Cast a Shadow in the Sun, 8th IAGSDC Convention, Miaaami

July Birthdays

1 — Robin Alpenglow
5 — Mel Silva
6 — Todd Bowen
8 — Larry Kellogg
13 — Bill McCrory

(Our apologies to Gerry Garcia for misspellling her name last month.)

Opinion Page

Sometimes our club members wish to express opinions and ideas about topics, events, and controversies of concern to them and to others. Here is a space for club members to have their concerns and opinions aired to the club as a whole in a spirit of free and lively exchange. It is hoped that this forum of club member opinion can be constructive and free of rancor. Your newsletter's editor invites all club members to contribute to this forum.

Love Squared

The club weekend at Guerneville was an excellent example of some of the best things about this club: there was dancing (lots of it, enthusiastic and good natured); there was celebrating (birthdays, the beauty of nature, and the sheer joy of life); and there was remembering and tears (AIDS has taken so many of our community). But most of all, there was love.

I'm not talking about the sweaty, behind-closed-doors type (I'll leave that to Dameon), but rather the unselfish caring that occasionally lifts us above the humdrum routine of life and lets us realize for a brief moment just how precious, and how precarious, life is and lets us touch each other in a very special way.

I feel very lucky and proud to be a part of this group. I encourage all the recent graduates to come back and angel the new dancers and, most of all, to keep on dancing. I hope that there will be enough interest to keep Wednesday Fun Nights hopping.

As far as square dancing, follow your dreams, but always remember where you began. Support the club and its functions as much as you can. Bring new people to the club; learn to call or teach; go to board meeting; learn to dance the other part; volunteer to bring refreshments, decorate for dances, start phone trees, run guerrilla squares or anything you enjoy that would benefit the club.

I can assure you that you'll find the effort and energy and (yes!) LOVE you spend will come back squared!

— Robin Alpenglow

The Bradley Family

I have been honored to be chosen by the Bradley Family members as their representative for Sacramento. The Bradley Family are proficient, but just as important, enthusiastic, fun-loving square dancers. Those of you who have attended conventions, S. F. events, Camp Cazadero, etc. will know who they are and have seen the fun they have.

The Bradley Bell directory is a wonderful reference when you are away from home. A roster of kindred spirits who will let you know when they are dancing and where. Why sit alone in a motel room when all you have to do is consult your Bradley Bell.

A separate page in this newsletter contains detailed information and a subscription form. Please note the August 15th due date. If you would like to give me your completed forms, I will submit them for all of us.

Please do add your name to the Bradley Bell. For the nominal fee involved, you really can't go wrong.

Bradley Bell — don't leave home without it!

— Michael Foft

Calling All Angels!!

Ready to earn your wings?

A unique and wonderful opportunity to do just that is coming up starting August 25th and continuing every Tuesday night through next May. A good angel is an invaluable aid to every square dance teacher, and as a novice teacher this fall I will need all the help I can get.

Whether you're planning to go on to Plus, learn the other part, brush up on your calls, or just angel the new dancers, you are welcome to join us at 7:00 for the Basic class. Especially if you are talking friends into trying square dancing, it is important for them to have you there to help and encourage them.

We will be printing some "Tips for Angels" in a subsequent issue of the newsletter and offering "Angel Instruction" during the first few weeks of class.

I've been angeling classes for four years now, and it feels great to watch people I've helped learn to dance pass me by to the A-1 and higher levels. The friendships I've made through square dancing have enriched by life. C'mon, let's dance — as angels.

— Robin Alpenglow

News Tidbits

Revised Summer Schedule

Capital City Squares members should already have received notice of the revised schedule for Summer Fun Dancing. We will be dancing at the St. Francis Church Social Hall, 26th & K Streets, Sacramento, on Tuesdays July 10th, July 24th, August 14th, and August 28th, from 7:30 to 9:30. The entrance to the Social hall is between K & L Streets on 26th Street. There will be a $2.00 charge at the door. This is a great opportunity to keep up our square dancing skills and to reinforce some of the last minute calls learned last spring.

Summer Pool Party

Our first Summer Pool / Potluck Party will be held Saturday, July 21st, at Rich and Rick's home at 105 Pradera Court, Folsom, CA 95630. Their phone number is 351-1763. See map.

Come at 3 and swim and dance. We will probably eat at 6 or so.

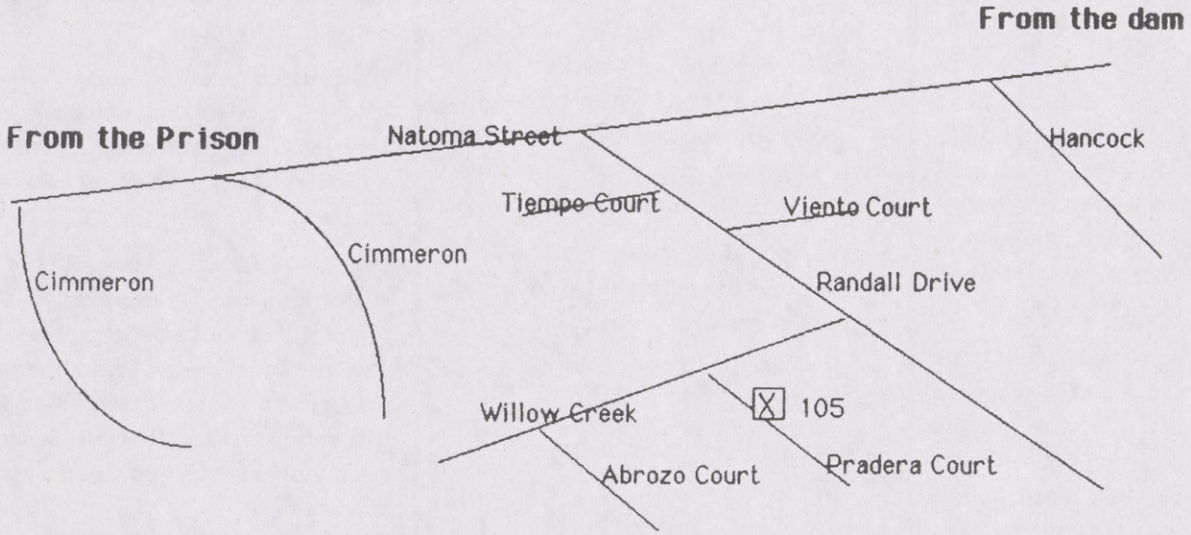
New Members Hoedown

Bill and Michael still have a lot of flyers for the August 25th Hoedown for new members at the Coloma Center.

Be sure to get some tosend to friends, etc. whom you think might be interested in joining Capital City Squares.

AIDS Benefit Dance

Square Up and Fight AIDS, a benefit for local AIDS charities, is being sponsored by the San Francisco area IAGSDC square dance clubs. The dance will be held at St. Paulus Church, Gough and Eddy Streets, in San Francisco, on Saturday, August 18, from 7:30 to 10:30. This will be a Mainstream and Plus dance. A suggested donation of $5.00 will be collected at the door. Organizers are asking if we have any Capital City Squares members that we would like remembered at this dance. Pictures and names should be sent to Terry Presley, 407 Orange Street, # 408, Oakland, CA 94610. They also want us to bring our banner to the dance. Let's try to have a good showing for this worthy endeavor.



Via Hwy 50 towards Tahoe – Take the Prairie City Road exit. Turn left (crossing the freeway) and go to the second light (Blue Ravine Road). Turn right and follow the road past two lights. After the second light (Bidwell), look for Flower Road. Turn left and go to the 1st stop sign. Turn left onto Willow Creek. Follow Willow Creek past one stop sign and turn right at Pradera Court. (If you reach Randall, you have gone too far!) It's the second house on the left.

From the North Area – Take Greenback or Madison to and through the City of Folsom to Natoma Street Turn left on Natoma and follow the map.

BRADLEY BELL

What is **BRADLEY BELL**? **BRADLEY BELL** is a personal telephone directory of square dancers and their friends who are either members of gay square dance clubs or who just want to be listed in the directory. It is listed, first, by state; second, by city of the club; and, third, alphabetical by first name of all the subscribers. Listed will be your name, address, home phone number, and birthday. There will be no club affiliations indicated to avoid the confusion of people belonging to more than one club.

And this edition will contain a **new feature: MESSAGE MACHINE.** We think this information will be helpful in deciding when to call. And a hopeful new feature is your receiving a birthday greeting from the Bradleys (but, please don't make us use our rhinestones and crinolines as collateral for this commitment).

Who is publishing **BRADLEY BELL**? Members of the Bradley family, that's who. So what's the Bradley family? A group of people who are close friends who are committed to square dancing, but who know how to have fun while being serious about it. We are members of the Shady Rest Dancers who are from Hooterville (near Pixley). The six family members who are actually publishing **BRADLEY BELL** are (in order of age--our beauty is indefinable):

Mama Jo Bradley (Freeman Stamper)
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Ina Jo Bradley (Garrett Peter)
Blanchie Jo Bradley (James Ozanich)

Can you become a member of the Bradley family? Probably not. There are no membership criteria; we just know a Bradley when we see one.

We believe strongly in the community of gay square dancing. We are very social people and, through **BRADLEY BELL**, we hope each of you will be able to keep in touch with others whom you meet at conventions and fly-ins.

What is all this "alternate name" stuff? Well, Bradley is our real names, but we have other names we use professionally. We think everyone should have two or three personae, and **BRADLEY BELL** gives you the opportunity to declare your real selves to the world. Nicknames fall into this category also.

Does it cost money? Yes, darling. Believe us. The best things in life are not free. It's not expensive, though. Just $1 for each name you want to list; $2 for each directory you purchase; and just a partial cocktail for shipping and handling.

The third edition of **BRADLEY BELL** is planned for publication the first of September, 1990. We sincerely hope that you will want to be a part of this publication which will be published annually in September. Feel free to make copies of the subscription form on the reverse and provide them to other members of your club.

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MS – Midnight Squares WSD – Western Star Dancers
Summer Schedule for MS and ECR still not available at press time.